

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 11 and 16 are currently active in this case. Claim 10 has been amended to address informalities identified by Applicants. The claims have not been narrowed and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding office action, claims 10 and 11 were finally rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,392,226 to Sasaki in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,749 to Morrill and U.S. patent publication No. 2003/0105641 to Lewis; and claim 16 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki in view of Morrill, Lewis and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,503 to Wada.

Claim 10 is directed to a data processing apparatus for processing ticket purchasing data. In the prior art, when a user reserved a ticket on a POS terminal, because the user had to fill out an application form with personal information, the process time was slow. To address this problem among others, the present invention defines program transmission means for transmitting a program to a portable electronic terminal. The program causes the portable electronic terminal (a) to display a request to send data screen, and (b) to transmit the owner information to the data processing apparatus when the transmission of the owner information is permitted. The present invention further defines means for determining whether a ticketing process should be executed, and means (i) for confirming a requested ticket through an inquiry to a ticket company via a network when the ticketing process is requested, (ii) for receiving information regarding the requested ticket from the ticket company via the network, and (iii) for storing the received information as ticket printing data with the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal.

As a result of the configuration of the present invention, particularly in light of feature (iii), it is possible to transfer the owner (personal) information stored on the portable electronic terminal to the POS terminal. That is, establishments using the POS terminal of the present invention are able to shorten the processing time for purchasing tickets by using information received from the ticket company as ticket printing data, improve their business efficiency, and reduce mistakes in collecting information. Further, as a consequence of feature (iii), a ticket can be printed with both owner information obtained from the portable electronic terminal (e.g., address, name, phone number, etc.) and information regarding the requested ticket obtained from the ticket provider.

The Official Action acknowledges that Sasaki fails to disclose: (c) displaying a request to send data screen for selecting whether to or not to permit the transmission of stored owner information when the transmission of the owner information is selected on the request to send data screen; (d) means ... for storing the received information as ticket printing data with the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal; and (e) means for transmitting and outputting the ticket printing data to a printer (hereinafter referred to as features (c), (d), and (e)). However, the Official Action further asserts that Morrill discloses the displaying feature and Lewis discloses means for storing the received information as ticket printing data and means for transmitting and outputting the ticket printing data to a printer. Applicants respectfully traverse.

In addition to the deficiencies of the prior art acknowledged in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully point out that Sasaki, Morrill, and Lewis fail to disclose storing the received information as ticket printing data *with the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal*. Further, Sasaki, Morrill, and Lewis also each fail to disclose program transmission means for transmitting a program to the portable electronic terminal by the data communication means, that the program causes the portable electronic terminal to

display the request and transmit the owner information, and that, the receiving the owner information sent from the portable electronic terminal through the data communication means, is accomplished according to the program sent to the portable electronic terminal by the program transmission means.

Regarding the “with the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal” claim feature, Lewis discloses storing the received information as ticket printing data. However, Lewis fails to disclose combining the received information regarding the requested ticket and the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal, and storing the combined information as ticket printing data.

Further, Sasaki discloses an EEPROM having a user area 503 which stores personal information 505 (i.e., the name, age, sex, etc.), a public key certificate 506, among other things, as ID information. See Col. 9, lines 34-49 of Sasaki. However, Sasaki fails to disclose or suggest what information is transmitted when ID transmission button 313 is pressed. Rather, Sasaki merely discloses that “[n]umeral 313 denotes a button for transmitting the ID information stored in the terminal....” See Col. 7, lines 46-48 of Sasaki.

Therefore, Sasaki, Morrill, and Lewis, when considered alone or in combination fail to suggest or teach combining the received information from a ticket company and the owner information received from the portable electronic terminal, and printing the combined information on a ticket.

The Official Action asserts that Sasaki teaches features (c), (d), and (e). Applicants respectfully traverse. Sasaki does disclose a mobile user terminal 100 which includes the ID transmission button 313 and ROM 402 which stores programs. However, Sasaki fails to disclose or suggest that any of the programs is transmitted between the mobile user terminal 100 and another terminal.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Morrill, Lewis and Sasaki in combination do not obtain the unexpected results of the present invention (i.e., shortening the processing time for purchasing tickets by using information received from the ticket company as ticket printing data, improving business efficiency, and reducing mistakes in collecting information).

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Sasaki et al. do not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter defined by claim 10 when considered alone or in combination with Morrill and Lewis. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 10 is believed to be allowable.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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